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SUBJ: SITREP 2130 SEPTEMBER 3 - LIBYA

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1. SEPTEMBER 3 PASSED QUIETLY IN COUNTRY. EMPLOYEES OF SOME ESSENTIAL SERVICES RETURNED TO WORK THIS MORNING IN ACCORDANCE REGIME'S DIRECTIVE, AND RCC ISSUED LIMITED NUMBER OF CURFEW PASSES TO OIL EXECUTIVES. AFTER DEGREE CONFUSION AT OUTSET, CURFEW WAS LIFTED FOR FOUR HOURS (ONE HOUR MORE THAN YESTERDAY).

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SUSPENSION CURFEW BROUGHT CROWDS OF YOUTHFUL DEMONSTRATORS INTO STREETS OF BOTH TRIPOLI AND BENGHAZI WITH CHANTED SLOGANS AND BANNERS. TRUCKS AND CARS JAMMED WITH EXUBERANT YOUNG MEN CIRCULATED AROUND CITY. RCC TOLD CHARGE CONFIDENTIALLY LATE AFTERNOON, THAT THEY PLANNED LENGTHEN CURFEW THURSDAY TO EIGHT HOURS.

2. DESPITE QUIET AND GENERALLY RELAXED ATMOSPHERE TRIPOLI, EVIDENCE BEGAN TO ACCUMULATE DURING DAY THAT TROUBLE

BREWING IN TOBRUK. BRTITSH CHARGE IN BENGHAZI CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORTS FROM US SEISMIC COMPANY CREWS THAT CYDEF STILL IN EFFECTIVE CONTROL TOBRUK, AND PREVIOUS STAFF NOW AUGMENTED BY ARMORED CAR COMPANY FROM MOBILE STRIKE FORCES HEADQUARTERS OUTSIDE BAIDA. LATER IN AFTERNOON, ESSO OFFICIALS REPORTED TEN TRUCKLOADS OF TROOPS WERE SEEN HEADING EAST PAST MARSA BREGA. FOUR RLAF F-5'S DEPLOYED TO BENGHAZI YESTERDAY SPLIT INTO TWO FLIGHTS AND CARRIED OUT SERIES SORTIES WEST TO BREGA AND EAST TO TOBRUK. ARMY INVADED BRITISH PETROLEUM OFFICES IN TRIPOLI EARLY EVENING, DESTROYED EQUIPMENT PROVIDING DIRECT RWMRO LINK WITH TOBRUK LOADING FACILITY, AND WARNED STAFF NOT TO ATTEMPT COMMUNICATE WITH ANSTNE EVEN BY LOCAL TELEPHONE. NOTEWORTHY THAT, SINCE 2130 LOCAL, NEARLY ALL CONGRATULATORY CABLE BEING READ OVER RADIO LAR HAVE COME FROM TOBRUK.

3. IN MOVE APPARENTLY DESIGNED INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY ITS CREDIBILITY, RADIO LWL TODYA BEGAN BROADCASTING TAPED STATEMENTS BY PROMINENT OLD REGIME FIGURES PLEDGING THEIR SUPPORT OF MILITARY REVOLUTION. LIST READERS WAS HEADED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTERS QADHAAFI AND BEN HALIM, AND INCLUDED SHEIKH DIBAANI AND GENERAL BU SHAH. DOZEN TRIPOLITANIAN SECURITY FORCES OFFICERS LEAD BY FORMER COMMANDING GENERAL BIN TAALIB AND COLONEL 'ALI SHALAABI DEPUTY DIRECTOR IMMIGRATION TELEGRAPHED THEIR SUPPORT OF NEW REGIME.

4. WHEREABOUT OF OLD REGIME PERSONALITIES: CROWN PRINCE AND COLONEL 'ABD AL-AZIIZ SHALHI ARE PORTED TO BE DETAINED AT AZIZZIYYA BARRACKES IN TRIPOLI. POSSIBLY ALSO FORMER CHIEF ROYAL DIWAN, MUNTASSER, WHO REPORTEDLY WONDED IN COUP. ARMORED CAR PLUS 12 HEAVILY ARMED SOLDIERS

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FINALLY ARRESTED FORMER CHIEF STAFF SHAMSADDIN AT 1940 TONIGHT.

5. OIL TANKERS LOADED NORMALLY AND SAILED ROUTINELY FROM ALL EXPORT TERMINALS. SHELL TANKER LOADED WITH GASOLINE WAS PERMITTED ENTER TRIPOLI HARBOR 1430 AND BEGAN UNLOADING SOON THEREAFTER, FIRST SHIP TO DOCK SINCE AUGUST 31. OIL COMPANY SECURITY CHIEFS MET WITH RCC LATE AFTERNOON IN ATTEMPT SECURE LIFTING OF BAN ON FLIGHTS TO RESUPPLY ISOLATED OIL CAMPS.

6 IN WHAT APPEARS BE ATTEMPT PUT END TO RANDOM FIRING SMALL ARMS BY TROOPS PATROLLING STREETS, ARMY SERGEANT POSTED WT CHANCERY AT 2130 COLLECTED ALL ROUNDS FROM SENTRIES UNDER HIS COMMAND IN HIS BERET, AND REQUESTED

PERMISSION TO STORE AMMUNITION IN EMBASSY VEHICLE. DUTY OFFICER REGRETFULLY REFUSED PERMISSION DESPITE WORTHINESS OF CAUSE.
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